

REMARKSAmendments

In the descriptive part of the specification, several minor typographical errors in the translation have been corrected.

In the claims, new claims 5 to 7 have been added. Claims 5 and 6 have basis in original claim 4. Basis for claim 7 can be found on page 5, lines 19-20 of the specification.

Disclosure Under 37 CFR § 1.56

In fulfilling the duty of candor and good faith, the following documents are hereby disclosed to the Patent Office in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56. It is not admitted that the information in the listed documents is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b). The Examiner is requested to consider the documents in the examination of this application.

Accompanying this statement is a Form PTO-1449 in duplicate on which the documents are listed. The Examiner is requested to return an initialed and signed copy of the form once the documents have been considered.

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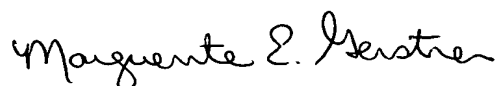
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Conclusion

Allowance of this application at an early date is requested. If, however, there are any outstanding issues which can be usefully discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

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